IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TOSHIMA, et al.

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RESPONSE AS SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2006, to which the time for response was set to expire October 12, 2006. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith to extend the due date to January 12, 2007. This paper is part of the "submission" with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith. Claims 1-19 and 35 will remain pending. Claims 1-9 and 35 were rejected. Claims 10-19 are withdrawn. Reconsideration and entry of the following amendment(s) are respectfully requested.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.